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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM: REQUEST FOR
PARTIAL GRANT

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1. WE ARE RELUCTANT TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR PARTIAL GRANT
FOR LEKI DORJI. WHILE NOT OPPOSED TO AN OCCASIONAL IV
GRANT FOR BHUTANESE, WE DO NOT FEEL THIS SHOULD BE DONE ON
A HIT OR MISS BASIS. RATHER PROPOSALS SHOULD BE WELL

THOUGHT OUT ADD SUBMITTED AS YOU WOULD A REGULAR PROGRAM
SUGGESTION.

2. IN TERMS OF STANDARDS USUALLY APPLIED TO GRANTEEES
SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN IV PROGRAMS, DORJI, WHO IS NOT
NOW BASED IN BUTAN, WOULD SEEM TO EXERCISE ONLY LIMITED
INFLUENCE. TO BE FRANK, WE FEEL THERE MUST BE OTHER
POTENTIAL BHUTANESE CANDIDATES WHO WOULD BETTER MEET OUR
CRITERIA.

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3. WE ARE ALSO NOT EAGER TO FOCUS DISCUSSION ON BHUTANESE

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT THIS TIME SINCE OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD
CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM WILL DEPEND ON RESULTS
ACHIEVED BY FIRST FOUR STUDENTS, AND WE DO NOT WANT TO
ENCOURAGE BHUTANESE TO EXPECT LARGER PROGRAM.

4. SHOULD DORJI GET TO WASHINGTON ON HIS OWN DURING STAY
IN U.S., APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS WOULD OF COURSE
BE HAPPY TO SEE HIM. KISSINGER

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